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5 23. (Currently Amended) A method for use in connection with a game ticket having machine
6 readable game play information and a number of directly identifiable result codes formed
7 thereon, each result code being representative of a respective game play outcome, the
8 method including:

- 9 (a) receiving the game ticket in a game ticket reader of a player station;
- 10 (b) reading the machine readable game play information with the game ticket reader,
11 the machine readable game play information specifying the game play outcomes
12 represented by the result codes formed on the game ticket;
- 13 (c) detecting whether the game ticket received in the game ticket reader includes a
14 cover over an area of the game ticket on which the result codes are formed;
- 15 (d) in the event that the detecting step indicates that the cover is present on the game
16 ticket, disabling the player station from displaying the game play outcomes
17 specified by the machine readable game play information that has been read with
18 the game ticket reader; and
- 19 (e) in the event that the detecting step indicates that the cover is absent from the game
20 ticket, enabling the player station to display the game play outcomes specified by
21 the machine readable game play information that has been read with the game
22 ticket reader. the player station being enabled to display the game play outcomes

1 based solely on the machine readable game play information and without reading
2 the result codes formed on the game ticket.

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4 24. (Previously Presented) The method of Claim 23 wherein the step of detecting whether the
5 game ticket includes the cover includes producing a cover sensor output at a cover sensor.

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7 25. (Previously Presented) The method of Claim 24 wherein the cover sensor is an optical
8 sensor.

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10 26. (Previously Presented) The method of Claim 24 wherein the cover sensor is a magnetic
11 sensor.

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13 27. (Previously Presented) The method of Claim 23 wherein the step of detecting whether the
14 game ticket includes the cover includes the step of attempting to detect a feature located
15 on the cover.

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17 28. (Previously Presented) The method of Claim 23 wherein the step of detecting whether the
18 game ticket includes the cover includes the step of attempting to detect a feature located
19 on a substrate of the game ticket.

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21 29. (Currently Amended) An apparatus including:

- 1 (a) a player station for displaying game play outcomes associated with a game ticket,
2 the game ticket including machine readable game play information and a number
3 of directly identifiable result codes formed thereon, each result code being
4 representative of a respective game play outcome;
- 5 (b) a game ticket reader for receiving the game ticket and also for reading the
6 machine readable game play information, the machine readable game play
7 information specifying the game play outcomes represented by the result codes
8 formed on the game ticket;
- 9 (c) a cover sensor associated with the game ticket reader, the cover sensor producing
10 a cover sensor output with the cover sensor output indicating whether the game
11 ticket received in the game ticket reader includes a cover over an area of the game
12 ticket on which the result codes are formed; and
- 13 (d) a processor coupled to the cover sensor and the game ticket reader, the processor
14 for (i) disabling the player station from displaying game play outcomes specified
15 by the machine readable game play information that has been read with the game
16 ticket reader when the cover sensor output indicates that the cover is present on
17 the game ticket, and also for (ii) enabling the player station to display the game
18 play outcomes specified by the machine readable game play information that has
19 been read with the game ticket reader when the cover sensor output indicates that
20 the cover is absent from the game ticket, the player station being enabled to
21 display the game play outcomes based solely on the machine readable game play
22 information and without reading the result codes formed on the game ticket.

1 30. (Previously Presented) The apparatus of Claim 29 wherein the cover sensor is an optical
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4 31. (Previously Presented) The apparatus of Claim 29 wherein the cover sensor is a magnetic
5 sensor.

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7 32. (Previously Presented) The apparatus of Claim 29 wherein the cover sensor is operable
8 for detecting a feature located on the cover.

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10 33. (Previously Presented) The apparatus of Claim 29 wherein the cover sensor is operable
11 for detecting a feature located on a substrate of the game ticket.

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13 34. (Currently Amended) A program product executable for use in connection with a game
14 ticket having machine readable game play information and a number of directly
15 identifiable result codes formed thereon, each result code being representative of a
16 respective game play outcome, the program product being stored on a computer readable
17 medium and including:

- 18 (a) cover sensor reading code executable for reading a cover sensor output from a
19 cover sensor associated with a game ticket reader on a player station, the cover
20 sensor output indicating whether the game ticket includes a cover over an area of
21 the game ticket on which the result codes are formed; and

1 (b) player station control code executable for (i) reading the machine readable game
2 play information from the game ticket with the game ticket reader, the machine
3 readable game play information specifying the game play outcomes represented by
4 the result codes formed on the game ticket, for (ii) disabling the player station
5 from displaying the game play outcomes specified by the machine readable game
6 play information that has been read by the game ticket reader when the cover
7 sensor output indicates that the cover is present on the game ticket, and also for
8 (iii) enabling the player station to display the game play outcomes specified by the
9 machine readable game play information that has been read by the game ticket
10 reader when the cover sensor output indicates that the cover is absent from the
11 game ticket, the player station being enabled to display the game play outcomes
12 based solely on the machine readable game play information and without reading
13 the result codes formed on the game ticket.

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15 35. (Previously Presented) The program product of Claim 34 wherein the cover sensor output
16 comprises a signal residing at either a first signal level or a second signal level.